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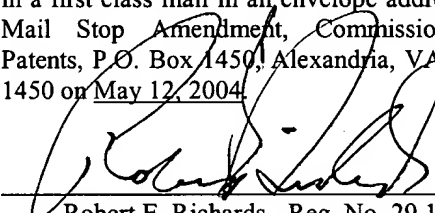
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and Method and Computer Program  
Product for Inserting Repeater Cells**

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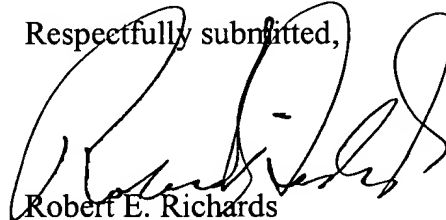
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 21, 2004 in the patent application identified above, the Applicants elect Claims 1-9, and 11-19 directed to a method and computer program product for estimating wire load.

This election is made without traverse.

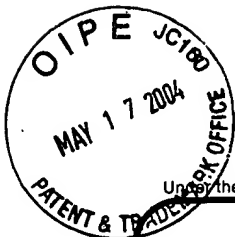
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Respectfully submitted,

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